

8 Years of Meth Use



Enforcement

- ▶ Prior to July 2005 it was not illegal to manufacture Methamphetamine.
- ▶ Only illegal to have the finished product.
- ▶ July 2005 legislation passed making it illegal to possess two or more of certain chemicals and precursors with the intent to manufacture Methamphetamine, Class 6 Felony.

Enforcement

- ▶ Legislation passed regarding children in Methamphetamine Labs – allowing a child to be present during the manufacturing or attempted manufacturing of Methamphetamine.
- ▶ Imprisonment not less than 10 nor more than 40 years.

Enforcement

- ▶ Legislation passed restricting the sale of Ephedrine or Pseudoephedrine.
- ▶ Established requirements for display and access to buyers.
- ▶ Retailers must maintain a written or electronic log of sales and purchaser must sign the log.

Enforcement

October 2004 – September 2005

79 Meth Labs seized.

October 2005 – Present

23 Meth Labs seized.

71% Decrease in Lab seizures

These figures are as reported to the Virginia State Police

Enforcement

- ▶ Even though there was a 71% decrease in Meth Lab seizures, there was 300% increase in Methamphetamine seizures from 2004 – 2005, mainly due to this drug being imported into the Commonwealth.

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Education

- Education and Safety talks are being conducted through the Commonwealth.

2005 VA State Police conducted 13 Educational Talks.

2006 VA State Police conducted 37 Educational Talks with more talks scheduled into late November.

Protocols

- ▶ Pursuant to the 2005 Acts of Assembly 759, 796, 923 and 941 Virginia State Police, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Health and Department of Forensic Science met to evaluate the response to discovered Methamphetamine Labs.

Community-Based Prevention Services

- ▶ Prevention Planning Coalitions have been formed to address substance abuse and related problems. Members include representatives of:
 - ▶ Community Services Boards.
 - ▶ Schools and social service departments.
 - ▶ Law enforcement and court services .
 - ▶ The faith and business communities.
 - ▶ Groups and organizations.
 - ▶ Parents and youth.

Community-Based Prevention Services

- ▶ *Prevention Planning Coalition* activities include assessing:
 - The accessibility of illicit substances in the community.
 - Youth and adult substance use.
 - Family management issues.
 - Youth academic performance and school policies.
 - Law enforcement data and safety concerns.

Community-Based Prevention Services

- ▶ Prevention Planning Coalition activities continued:
 - Identifying current resources that can be used to address substance abuse and related problems.
 - Planning a continuum of prevention activities that involve all of the representative member groups and reach everyone in the community.
 - Evaluating the effectiveness of the activities.

Community-Based Prevention Services

- ▶ Community Services Boards work with other agencies and groups to provide evidence-based education programs that help families enhance management and communication skills. Program examples include:
 - ▶ *Families and Schools Together, (FAST)*
 - ▶ *Parenting Wisely*
 - ▶ *Creating Lasting Family Connections*
 - ▶ *Strengthening Families*
 - ▶ *Keep A Clear Mind, (KACM)*
 - ▶ *Life Skills Training*
 - ▶ *All Stars*

Addiction to Methamphetamine

According to the SAMHSA/Office of Applied Studies Treatment Episode Data Set.

- ▶ In 1993, nationwide there were 21,000 treatment program admissions of persons with a primary use problem.
- ▶ Ten years later, in 2003, that number had increased to 117,000.

Admissions for Methamphetamine Treatment in Virginia are Increasing

- ▶ 2005 CCS data 1% total SA admissions.
 - (485 total cases out of 52,916)
- ▶ 2006 CCS data 1.1% total SA admissions.
 - (520 total cases)
- ▶ Anecdotal reports: Increase this year in consumers seeking assistance.
- ▶ It is believed that the lag time between first use and dependence will affect future increases in admissions.

Virginia's Clinical Interventions

- ▶ Request for proposals for Community Services Boards to be trained in the Matrix Model Evidenced Based Practice.
- ▶ 9 Community Services Boards selected.
 - ▶ Alexandria, Arlington, Danville-Pittsylvania, Fairfax Falls Church, Highlands, Norfolk, Northwestern, Mount Rogers, Rappahannock Rapidan.
- ▶ Sent a multi-agency/program team to National Methamphetamine Summit in Florida for additional treatment intervention training.